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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
JEFFREY MILLER, ET AL
APPLICATION NO: 09/975,813
FILED: 10/12/2001
FOR: ASSAYS AND PEPTIDE SUBSTRATE FOR DETERMINING
AGGRECAN DEGRADING METALLO PROTEASE ACTIVITY

ART UNIT: 1652
EXAMINER: FRONDA, CHRISTIAN L

Commissioner for Patents
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated August 9, 2006 finally rejecting claims 4, 7-23, 31, 32, 53 and 54.

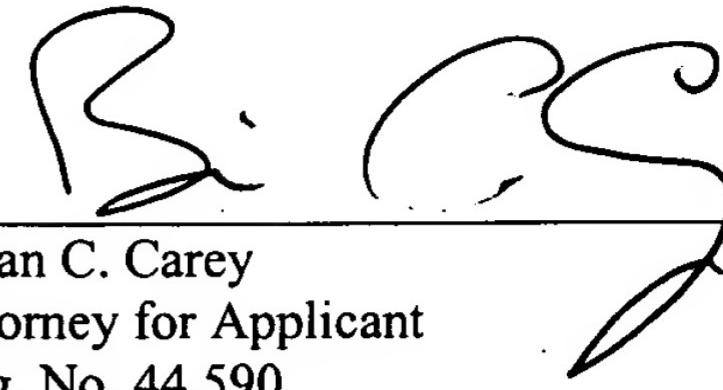
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- The appeal fee was paid in a previous appeal herein. The examiner re-opened prosecution prior to any decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. No fee is now due.

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- Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,



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